

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph 0019 with the following amended paragraph

[0019] Use is made of panel heaters, which are placed on or in the casing wall. If the battery is constructed from two cell groups, which are interconnected by a common partition, the heating means ~~according to claim 12~~ can be placed on said partition located in the center of the battery. Virtually no heat losses occur in this embodiment.

Replace paragraph 0033 with the following amended paragraph

[0033] Figs. 11, 1a, ~~44~~ 11b, 11c show a third embodiment of the invention in detail, wherein Fig. 11 schematically shows a first type of flap valve, and Figs. 11a, 11b, 11c show first, second and third embodiments, respectively, of the second type of flap valve.

Replace paragraph 0043 with the following amended paragraph

[0043] Figs. ~~24~~ 21a, 21b, 21c show an angular mixing device in conjunction with specially constructed flow channels, wherein Fig. ~~24~~ 21a shows a flow channel-forming structure, and Figs. ~~21a~~ 21b and ~~21b~~ 21c show first and second ways, respectively, of positioning the structure of Fig. ~~24~~ 21a.